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Docket No. 97-115-C**

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potentially impact each of the SCTC member companies and, therefore, the SCTC has an interest in this proceeding.

4. Correspondence and communications to SCTC with respect to this proceeding should be directed to the undersigned counsel.

WHEREFORE, the South Carolina Telephone Coalition respectfully requests that this honorable Commission permit its intervention in this proceeding as its interests might appear.

Respectfully submitted,

By: Margaret M. Fox

M. John Bowen, Jr.

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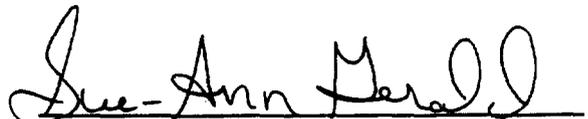
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I, Sue-Ann Gerald, do hereby certify that this day I caused to have served the foregoing
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Honorable Charles W. Ballentine
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Re: MCImetro Access Transmission Services, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Ballentine:

Enclosed please find an original and five copies of the Consumer Advocate's **Petition to Intervene** in the above referenced case. Copies have been served on all parties listed on the attached Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

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IN THE MATTER OF:)	
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Services, Inc. - Application for a)	PETITION TO INTERVENE
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_____)	

Philip S. Porter, Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina, respectfully petitions the South Carolina Public Service Commission for permission to intervene in the above referenced Docket and represents as follows:

1. MCImetro Access Transmission Service, Inc. filed an Application with the Commission seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience to provide telecommunications as a telephone utility.
2. The Commission has assigned Docket No. 97-115-C to this matter.
3. Philip S. Porter is the duly appointed and qualified Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 37-6-604 (Supp. 1996), and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-830 et seq., (1976 and Supp. 1996), the Consumer Advocate has the discretionary duty to provide legal representation of the consumer interest before state and federal regulatory agencies when such agencies undertake to fix rates or prices for consumer products or services or to enact regulations or establish policies related thereto, and in that capacity the Consumer Advocate does hereby petition to intervene as a formal party of record in Docket No. 97-115-C.

4. The Consumer Advocate's position is that the Commission should take steps to encourage the development of competition in the local exchange market in accordance with the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner, in order to represent the consumer interest of the State of South Carolina, requests:

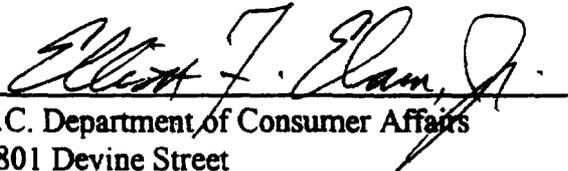
- (1) that the Commission grant this Petition to Intervene as a formal party of record on behalf of the consumers of the State of South Carolina;
- (2) a copy of all filings, pleadings, testimony and exhibits filed by all parties of record concerning this proceeding.

Philip S. Porter
Consumer Advocate

Nancy Vaughn Coombs
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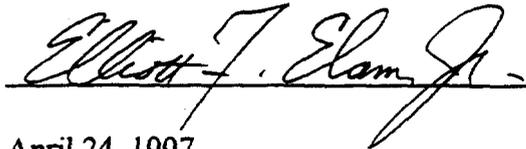
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This is to certify that I, Elliott F. Elam, Jr., on behalf of Philip S. Porter, Consumer Advocate, have served this day the foregoing **Petition to Intervene** upon the person(s) named below, at the address(es) set forth, by deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elliott F. Elam, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

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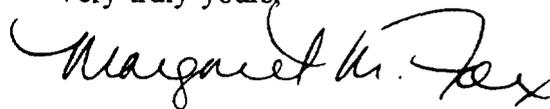
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Please find enclosed for filing on behalf of the South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("the Coalition") an original and ten (10) copies of an executed Stipulation between the Coalition and MCImetro Access Transmission Services, Inc. in the above-referenced docket. By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record.

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STIPULATION

The South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC") and MCImetro Access Transmission Services, Inc. ("MCImetro") hereby enter into the following stipulations. As a consequence of these stipulations and conditions, the necessity for SCTC's intervention in this matter is avoided and SCTC withdraws its opposition to MCImetro's Application. SCTC and MCImetro stipulate and agree as follows:

1. SCTC does not oppose the granting of a statewide Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to MCImetro, provided the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") makes the necessary findings to justify granting of such a certificate, and provided the conditions contained within this stipulation are met.
2. MCImetro stipulates and agrees that any Certificate which may be granted will authorize MCImetro to provide service only to customers located in non-rural local exchange company ("LEC") service areas of South Carolina, except as provided herein.
3. MCImetro stipulates that it is not asking the Commission to make a finding at this time regarding whether competition is in the public interest for rural areas.

4. MCImetro stipulates and agrees that it will not provide any local service, by its own facilities or otherwise, to any customer located in a rural incumbent LEC's service area, unless and until MCImetro provides such rural incumbent LEC and the Commission with written notice of its intent to do so at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the intended service. During such notice period, the rural incumbent LEC will have the opportunity to petition the Commission to exercise all rights afforded it under Federal and State law. Also, MCImetro acknowledges that the Commission may suspend the intended date for service in rural LEC territory for ninety (90) days while the Commission conducts any proceeding incident to the Petition or upon the Commission's own Motion, provided that the Commission can further suspend the implementation date upon showing of good cause.

5. MCImetro stipulates and agrees that if, after MCImetro gives notice that it intends to serve a customer located in a rural incumbent LEC's service area, the Commission receives a Petition from the rural incumbent LEC to exercise its rights under Federal or State law, or the Commission institutes a proceeding of its own, then MCImetro will not provide service to any customer located within the service area in question without prior and further Commission approval.

6. MCImetro acknowledges that any right which it may have or acquire to serve a rural telephone company service area in South Carolina is subject to the conditions contained herein, and to any future policies, procedures, and guidelines relevant to such proposed service which the Commission may implement, so long as such policies, procedures, and guidelines do not conflict with Federal or State law.

7. The parties stipulate and agree that all rights under Federal and State law are reserved to the rural incumbent LECs, and this Stipulation in no way suspends or adversely

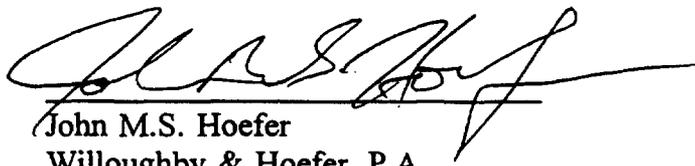
affects such rights, including any exemptions, suspensions, or modifications to which they may be entitled.

8. MCImetro agrees to abide by all State and Federal laws and to participate, to the extent it may be required to do so by the Commission, in the support of universally available telephone service at affordable rates.

9. MCImetro hereby amends its application and its prefiled testimony in this docket to the extent necessary to conform with this Stipulation.

AGREED AND STIPULATED to this 2nd day of May, 1997.

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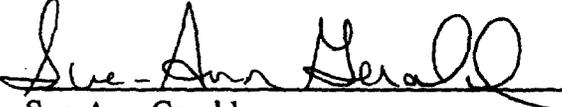
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**TESTIMONY OF
GREG DARNELL**

1 **Q: PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 A: My name is Greg Darnell. My business address is 780 Johnson
3 Ferry Road, Atlanta, Georgia, 30342.

4
5 **Q: BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?**

6 A: I am the Regional Manager of Competition Policy for MCI
7 Telecommunications Corporation. My responsibilities include
8 defining what MCI's external policies should be and advocating
9 those policies throughout the nine BellSouth states.

10
11 **Q: PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR BACKGROUND AND
12 EXPERIENCE.**

13 A: I have a Bachelors degree in Economics from the University of
14 Maryland and have completed Graduate courses in Electrical
15 Engineering, Economics and Public Policy at George Washington
16 University. I have 15 years experience in the
17 telecommunications industry. My work experience includes

1 obtaining licenses and construction permits for Radio
2 Stations, anti-trust litigation in MCI vs. AT&T, Corporate
3 Finance, Business & Economic Analysis, Federal Regulatory,
4 ILEC Relations and State Regulatory. I have testified on
5 behalf of MCI in numerous local competition arbitration cases
6 on resale and ancillary services matters and have written and
7 filed comments on behalf of MCI in a broad range of tariff and
8 rulemaking dockets at the Federal Communications Commission.

9

10 **Q: WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

11 A: The purpose of my testimony is to present evidence describing
12 the technical, managerial and financial fitness of MCImetro
13 Access Transmission Services, Inc. (MCImetro) to provide the
14 proposed telecommunications services in South Carolina. This
15 testimony will also describe the services proposed by
16 MCImetro. Finally, the purpose of my testimony is to show
17 that the public interest will be served by approval of the
18 application of MCImetro for a certificate of public
19 convenience and necessity.

20

21 **Q: PLEASE DESCRIBE MCIMETRO'S CORPORATE STRUCTURE.**

22 A: MCImetro is a corporation under the laws of the State of
23 Delaware. MCImetro is a wholly-owned subsidiary of MCImetro,
24 Inc. which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of MCI
25 Telecommunications Corporation, or MCIT, which, in turn, is a

1 wholly-owned subsidiary of MCI Communications Corporation, or
2 MCIC.

3
4 **Q: IS MCIMETRO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN SOUTH**
5 **CAROLINA?**

6 **A:** Yes. MCImetro received authority to conduct business in South
7 Carolina on September 6, 1995.

8
9 **Q: PLEASE DESCRIBE MCIMETRO'S SERVICES AND HOW THE COMPANY**
10 **INTENDS TO PROVIDE THEM.**

11 **A:** MCImetro seeks authority to provide local switched and private
12 line telecommunications services to the public throughout the
13 BellSouth, GTE and SPRINT LTD certificated areas statewide,
14 initially reselling local services and/or using unbundled
15 network elements obtained from other carriers, and eventually
16 providing local services via facilities either constructed,
17 owned, leased and/or managed by MCImetro. MCImetro is not
18 seeking authority to provide local services in any rural
19 independent telephone company certified areas at this time.
20 In addition, MCImetro seeks authority to provide intraLATA
21 intrastate long distance services throughout MCImetro's
22 service areas in the State of South Carolina.

1 Q: FROM WHOM WILL MCIMETRO OBTAIN INTRASTATE LONG DISTANCE
2 SERVICE?

3 A: MCImetro will use MCI Telecommunications to provide its
4 intrastate long distance service on its administrative lines.
5 However, MCImetro's customers will be able to choose any long
6 distance company they want. When MCImetro installs local
7 switching facilities it will provide 1+ interLATA and
8 intraLATA equal access to all long distance service providers
9 -- so that customers can presubscribe or "PIC" the long distance
10 company of their choice.

11

12 Q: HOW DOES MCIMETRO BILL FOR ITS SERVICES?

13 A: Customers will be directly billed by MCI.

14

15 Q: HOW ARE CUSTOMER BILLING INQUIRIES HANDLED?

16 A: Customers may contact MCImetro for billing inquiries through
17 a toll free number. The number is printed on each customer
18 bill. The Center is open 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Mountain Time.

19

20 Q: DOES MCIMETRO HAVE ITS OWN CUSTOMER SERVICE DEPARTMENT?

21 A: Yes. Customers may contact MCImetro directly for repair and
22 maintenance or service inquiries. The toll free number for
23 MCImetro's Customer Service Department is (800) 374-6400. The
24 Customer Service Department is open 7 days a week, 24 hours
25 and day for repair, maintenance and dispatch and from 6:00

1 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, Central Time for new
2 orders and changes of service.

3
4 **Q: IS MCIMETRO AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE LOCAL SERVICE IN OTHER**
5 **STATES?**

6 **A:** Yes. MCImetro is currently authorized to offer service in the
7 states of California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia,
8 Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland,
9 Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina,
10 New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode
11 Island, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and
12 Wisconsin. MCImetro is currently pursuing certification and
13 has applications pending in Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona,
14 Louisiana, Mississippi and Colorado.

15
16 **Q: PLEASE DISCUSS THE TECHNICAL ABILITY OF MCIMETRO TO PROVIDE**
17 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH CAROLINA.**

18 **A:** MCImetro will utilize the technical expertise of the
19 underlying carrier when it is either acquiring unbundled
20 elements from that carrier or reselling that carrier's
21 services. MCImetro intends to do both. In addition,
22 MCImetro's own in-house abilities will be used to augment the
23 expertise and technical assistance obtained from the
24 underlying carrier. The company plans to initially utilize
25 the switching facilities of an underlying carrier with

1 facilities and equipment owned and/or operated by MCImetro or
2 an underlying carrier.

3
4 When MCImetro begins to provide facility based local service
5 it will rely on its own in-house abilities and may augment its
6 expertise with service contracted for with an Incumbent Local
7 Exchange Carrier.

8
9 -- Q: **PLEASE DISCUSS THE MANAGERIAL ABILITY OF MCIMETRO TO PROVIDE**
10 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH CAROLINA.**

11 A: MCImetro's own management team includes individuals with the
12 skills and experience necessary for the successful provision
13 of quality telecommunications services. The company's
14 management team consists of professionals with backgrounds in
15 business management, finance, telecommunications, marketing
16 and engineering. Brief resumes for MCImetro's key management
17 personnel were provided as Exhibit "C" to the Company's
18 Application, which I adopt for purposes of this testimony.

19
20 Q: **DESCRIBE MCIMETRO'S FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR PROVIDING**
21 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN SOUTH CAROLINA.**

22 A: MCImetro is financially able to provide service in South
23 Carolina. As I noted earlier, MCImetro is a wholly-owned
24 subsidiary of MCImetro, Inc. which is a wholly-owned
25 subsidiary of MCIT, an interexchange carrier duly registered
26 to provide interexchange long distance services in South

1 Carolina. MCIT, in turn, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of
2 MCIC. Exhibits "D-1" and "D-2" to the Application, which are
3 MCIC's most recent 10-K Report and Annual Report to
4 Shareholders, demonstrate that MCImetro will have more than
5 sufficient financial resources to support its proposed
6 operations in South Carolina. I incorporate these exhibits in
7 my testimony by this reference.
8

9 Q: WHY IS IT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST FOR THE COMMISSION TO GRANT
10 MCIMETRO A CERTIFICATE TO OPERATE IN SOUTH CAROLINA?

11 A: MCImetro offers competitively priced local service and a
12 variety of rate plans or service options. The company's
13 product offerings are easy to understand and provide consumers
14 with a viable alternative to other carriers. Certification of
15 MCImetro in South Carolina will permit South Carolina
16 consumers to take advantage of MCImetro's offerings.
17

18 In addition, certification of MCImetro will enhance
19 telecommunications competition in South Carolina. Competition
20 encourages technological innovation and efficient use of
21 resources. Increased competition has proven to benefit
22 consumers by providing a wide variety of services and prices
23 from which consumers can choose. Finally, price competition
24 enables consumers to obtain the services they desire at
25 reasonable prices.

1 Q: DOES MCIMETRO HAVE THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE VIABLE LOCAL
2 EXCHANGE SERVICES WITHIN SOUTH CAROLINA?

3 A: Yes. I believe MCImetro has the managerial, technical and
4 financial ability and resources to provide long distance
5 services within South Carolina.

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7 Q: DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

8 A: Yes.

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